

# HEADLINES 2004

*Farmers anxious about impact of Republican River settlement*



**Lower Republican NRD  
irrigators uneasy with  
Compact compliance**

Irrigation district members  
to vote on state water lease

**Heavy snow helps; won't end drought**

*Republican  
State issues warnings  
on Enders, other lakes*

Republican River Compact compliance  
**State faces 2007 deadline**

**Irrigators study strategies**

Water shortage still is a  
major concern for 2004

**Salt cedar sucks up precious water**

*Impact of scaled-back irrigation  
may not be as grim as expected*

**Toxic algae blamed on drought**

*NRD meetings  
seek input on  
Compact plans*

New water  
law faces  
challenges

**Governor, local NRD  
committee talk about  
compliance issues**

Nebraska looks at conserving water  
by paying farmers not to pump

*Water levels at Harlan County  
Lake reason for concern*

*Farm leaders seek drought aid*

**NRD adopts water regulations**  
**Model links ground, surface water**  
**Area lakes showing slow improvement**

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*New water-shortage strategies are foreseen*